"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Make no mistake about it, the natural gas shortage will definitely cause an increase in nitrogen prices this spring. Nationwide, the nitrogen plants are running at only about 40% capacity.

One source points out that about 50% of the plants manufacturing ammonia use interstate gas, which has been diverted for home heating and essential services.

George Hawkins, Virginia Tech Soil Fertility Specialist, tells me that the nitrogen plants had manufactured all of their anticipated granular N materials and about 75% of the liquid materials for 1977 before the gas crisis occurred.

With this kind of suitation why are prices increases expected. It's the same old story, a great deal of speculation is taking place in the nitrogen market. It is said that some major nitrogen brokage firms are sitting on large quantities of nitrogen waiting on a price rise.

If you recall nitrogen prices have been acting like a yo-yo in recent years. Prices were low in the fall of '74 and high in spring of '75, low in the fall of '75 and high in the spring of '76. We're in the same situation for '76-'77. It would appear that this is a year that would be favorable for on-farm storage.

Nitrogen needs to get on small grain as soon as possible.

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90 percent of the plowing has yet to be done. This is unusually high and was brought about by first wet weather followed by cold and drying conditions. As of February 23 there was less than two inches precipitation in 1977.

The big problem facing Appomattox farmers is that when the weather does break it may be too dry to plow.

Some farmers are considering using a chisel plow rather than the conventional moldboard. The chisel works best in fairly dry soil when pulled at a fairly high speed, 3.5 mph or higher, the soil is fractured. If it's done in the fall this method allows good water penetration. However, if there is much surface debris it is not incorporated and likewise weed seed are not turned deeply. Both of these could come back to "haunt you" at planting or during the growing season. Chisel plowing is faster than when using the moldboard, but requires at least one extra discing. Energy requirements amount to about the same thing.

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Most cattlemen have nearly 60 more days before grass is abundant. Already we're seeing cattle with lost hair which is a strong indication of a high louse population. Watch cattle, when they start licking themselves frequently -- you know a lice population is building up. Cattle have an unusually heavy hair coat. Dust just will not penetrate deep enough to get the job done. Spraying is too dangerous this time of year and after all, most cattlemen don't have the proper equipment for an adequate spray job. This leaves one option -- pour-ons. There are two if used according to label directions that will get the job done, Lysoff and Korlan 2. They are easy to use -- just run the cattle through the chute and pour a measured amount down the top line. Two applications at 14-day intervals gives the best results.

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There is some interest in organizing a feeder cattle sale at the Farmville Market. Hopefully it can be done in time for a spring sale. If you are interested in the development of feeder cattle market in Farmville, you'll want to attend the organizational meeting Monday, March 7, 7:30 at the Prince Edward County Extension Office.

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.86		
Month of Feb.	1.03	This Year	2.78
Nor. for molnth of Feb.	3.04	Nor. this year	5.80

How The Forest Helps The Homemaker

PAMPLIN EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS are shown after their regular monthly meeting in the Pamplin Firehouse.

From left to right are Mrs. Ada Lucado, Mr. Warren Taylor, County Forester; Mrs. Grace Williams, President of the Pamplin Club; Mayor J. A. Williams; Mrs. Lizzie Jamerson, and Mrs. Ruby Covington.

Mr. Taylor presented an educational progrom on "How the Forest Helps the Homemaker." He met with each of the fourteen Extension Homemaker Clubs in Appomattox County during the month of February.

OTHERS ENJOYING THE PROGRAM were Mrs. Lonelle Inge, Mrs. Ruby Covington, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Williams, Mrs. Pauline Reeve, Mrs. Annie Covington, and Mrs. Ruby Inge.

BECKHAM

FEB. 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moore spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Jerry Moore.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr., Kathy Martin, Tammy Martin and Mrs. Larry Yeatts. Those visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. Bennett Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter, Karen and Crystal, Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Debbie and Gwen and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin, A. C., Michael and Edward.

Ronnie Morris will be spending this week at home on spring vacation from VPI & SU.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy and Mr. and Mrs. John Moore Sunday afternoon.

Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz, Traci, Jennifer and Edward, honoring Edward on his first birthday, were Mrs. H. C. Moore, Mrs. Ruth Bane, Charlotte Moore and Melanie Morris.

Miss Mary Ann Wheeler visited Mrs. H. C. Moore Sudnay afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gardner visited Mr. H. O. Martin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., of Richmond, spent the week end here and visiting Miss Eunice Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Donald Lee Drinkard.

CLOVER HILL

The fifty state rally at the Gravel Hill Bantist Church turned out to be a great success. The Mt. Zion Men's Chorus rendered the music. The total for this event was $508.68. We thank each and everyone who took part in our program and made it a success.

Mrs. Hazel Walker is doing nicely at her home in Farmville after spending some time in the Univesity of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville.

Her daughter, Edith and grandson, Rickey of New York, visited her mother and family here.

A large crowd attended church Sunday at Gravel Hill. The pastor is Rev. Miller. The total for the day was $103.00.

Mr. Welton Pankey and Mr. Henry Pankey, both of New York, visited here over the week end.

PAMPLIN

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Russell Covington in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Maggie Gardner, who passed away last week.

Mrs. Richard Williams returned home last Sunday after an extended visit with her daughter and family in Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. C. V. Wingfield left last Thursday for Richmond and is visiting Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Mr. Walter Payne is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital. Mr. Hubert Price is in McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond. Mr. Jimmie Ramsey is in Southside Hospital, Farmville. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz of Roanoke spent last week-end with her parents.

FBLA Held Monthly Meeting

The Future Business Leaders of America held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 1977 in the high school cafeteria.

Debbie Moore, our chapter president presided over the meeting. The secretary's report was read by Cheryl Sharp - historian. Carolyn Grishaw - chaplain gave the devotions. Nancy Scruggs chairman of the Who's Who committee informed us that Melinda McIntosh was the girl of the month for January. Debbie Moore, let the members know that David Hoyt, our State President would be here for our March meeting and urged everyone to attend.

The meeting was then turned over to Mary Anne Lewis, who, in turn introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Robert Carter, attorney at law.

Mr. Carter spoke on "What he expects of Secretaries" and gave many helpful suggestions to those of us that are going to be approaching the business world in the future. His talk was throughly enjoyed by all of the members in FBLA. This concluded our program for the February meeting. The meeting was then adjourned by Debbie Moore.

Everyone left the meeting with the knowledge of what a "good" secretary is and how to become one through business skills.

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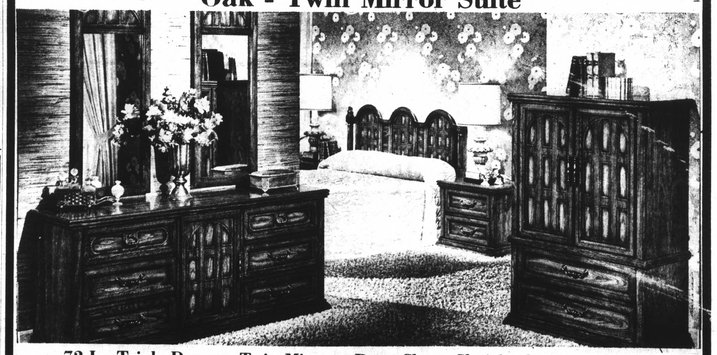

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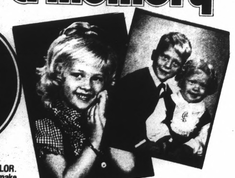

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Galilee Usher Board Sponsors Anniv. Celebration

The Galilee Baptist Church Usher board will hold its anniversary celebration this first Sunday evening at 3 P.M. The Rev. C. L. Elliott and the Scruggs's Family Singers will be the special guests. The president, Mrs. Bessie Watson will serve as mistress of ceremony. Local Usher boards have been invited to take a part in the service. All members and visitors are asked to attend.

An overflow crowd of members, visitors and friends attended the 34th anniversary of the Community Men's Club of Zion Baptist Church last Sunday at 2:30 P.M. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing served as master of ceremony. The following program was presented:Opening selection, The Holiness Gospel Singers; Scripture, Rev. Wyatt Venable; Prayer, Deacon Harrison Kelso, Musical selection, Guest Choir; Welcome address, Deacon Frank Johnson; History of the club, Deacon James Franklin; Musical Selection, Miss Sybil Franklin; A roll call of church clubs as follows: Sulphur Spring, Gravel Hill, Hat Creek, White Oak Grove, Mount Shiloh, Baptist Union, Galilee, Mt. Lyle, Morning Star, Sharon, St. Andrew, Alabama, St. Luke, Mt. Pleasant, Triumph, Peaks and Promise Land; Musical selection, The Appomattox Trumpeters; Solo, Mrs. Evelyn Berry; Introduction of speaker, by the master of ceremony; Sermon, Rev. L. E. Hankins; Musical selection, The Hat Creek Men's Chorus; Offering, Deacons Lawson and Ferguson and Miss Ferguson, Announcements; Remarks by the president; Closing and final remarks by the Rev. James Franklin of bluefield, West Virginia. The program was a great success spiritually and financially. A grand total of $295.57 was reported.

The officers, members and friends are asked to attend the regular preaching service at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Very impressive service was held at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The pastor delivered an inspiring message on the theme: "Acting like Christians". All present enjoyed the message. The choir rendered beautiful music. Several visitors were present. The offering for the day was very good. An after offering was lifted to the Heart Fund. The Holy Communion was served at the close of the morning worship.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the dedication service of the Fellowship Hall of the Promise Land Baptist Church on the second Sunday in this month at 3 P.M. The Rev. S. C. Terry and his choir will be the special guests.

The Appomattox Assembly will hold its monthly meeting next Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30 P.M. at the Galilee Baptist Church. Members and friends are requested to attend.

Mrs. Mary Davis has returned to her home here after receiving treatment in the Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital.

Mr. Wilford McFay is improving slowly in the Lynchburg Hospital.

The Galilee Sr. and Junior choirs took an active part in the choir festival at the Mount Zion Baptist Church at Red House last Sunday evening.

The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m.

The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the Mount Airy Baptist Church this first Sunday evening at 7 P.M. the Galilee Sr. Choir will render special music.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE APPOMATTOX DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION for 1977 plan the years program.

President Curtis Wooten, Director Carlton Harris, Vice President Norman Booth, Secretary-Treasurer Clarke Lewis. H. B. Pack, Director is missing from photo.

questions and answers

Q. I'm getting ready to file my tax returns and was wondering how much tax I have to pay on my social security benefits for 1976.

A. You pay no Federal or State tax on social security benefits.

Q. I'll be 62 soon and can't decide whether I should apply for social security benefits on my own work record or as a wife on my husband's record. What should I do?

A. The amount of your monthly social security benefit will be permanently reduced if you start getting checks before 65. However, the amount of reduction will be slightly smaller if you receive benefits based on your own work. If your husband had considerably higher average earnings than you had, you may get your own benefit and a small amount on his record.

Q. Does the bonus value of food stamps count as income for SSI purposes?

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FLUE-CURED TOBACCO WAREHOUSE DESIGNATION PROGRAM - The regular period for flue-cured tobacco grower designation for the 1977 crop begins March 7 and will continue through April 8.

This early period was set to allow the industry sufficient time to complete the necessary arrangements to fully prepare for the marketing season.

The designation program was initiated in 1974 and has brought about a significant change in the marketing of flue-cured tobacco. "This system has been well received by the producers in our county and we anticipate an orderly marketing year for 1977.

Under this system, growers must designate warehouses at which they wish to sell before the sales season opens to be eligible for price support. They may designate any amount of their 1977 crop up to 110 percent of the farm quota. Growers however must designate to warehouses within a 100 mile radius of their county seat. The marketing card issued for the farm will indicate the warehouse to which the tovacco has been designated and where price support eligibility has been established.

Producers should arrange to visit their county office early during the period of March 7 through April 8 to avoid any last minute congestion.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO STABILIZATION DISTRICT MEETING - Flue-cured tobacco growers are reminded about the 19th, annual district meeting of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation which will be held March 3 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the American Legion Building, South Hill, Virginia. Flue-cured growers are urged to make every effort to attend the meeting.

Cub Scouts - Pack 101 shown left to right on bottom row are Robin Gray, Darren Tolley, and Tommy Richardson; and on top row, left to right, Billy Caldwell, Tom Cobb, Mark Embrey, and David Mason. Not available for picture was David Baldwin and Shawn Morris.

Webeloes - Pack 101 shown on bottom row from the left are Ray Richardson and Harry Elam; and on the top row, from the left, are Hershul Forbes, Chris Tolley, and Timmy Almond.

PACK 101 HELD BLUE & GOLD BANQUET

Cub Scout Pack 101 held a Blue and Gold Banquet on Monday night for scouts and their families celebrating 67 years of scouting.

Advancement awards were presented by Cubmaster Jim Cobb. Den Mothers are Mary Embrey, Aelease Cobb, Assistant Wendy Richardson. Webeloes Leader is Jim Embrey.

Pack 101 is sponsored by the Pamplin Ruritan Club.

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Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann during the past week were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cyrus, and Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann visited Mrs Frances Mayberry Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Nash and family spent Saturday in the home of Elliott Nash. Mr. and Mrs.Loyd Nash and baby spent Sunday in this home.

Jackie Dale and Teresa Kerr visited Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elliott Nash and Jennifer Nash spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Jimmy Howard. Mrs. Howard returned from the hospital on Saturday.

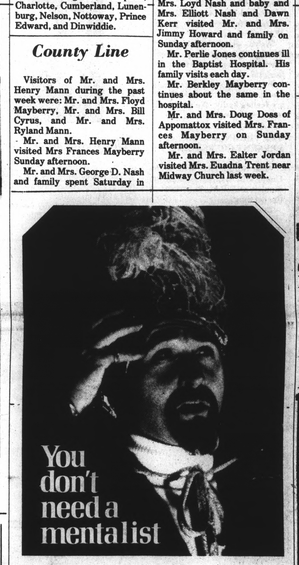
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann, Keith, Tony and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nash and baby and Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn Kerr visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Howard and family on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Perlie Jones continues ill in the Baptist Hospital. His family visits each day.

Mr. Berkley Mayberry continues about the same in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Doos of Appomattox visited Mrs. Frances Mayberry on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ealter Jordan visited Mrs. Euadna Trent near Midway Church last week.



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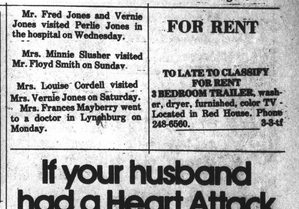
Last year's winners of gold certificates were: G. S. Martin with 2,565 pounds per acre, and J. A. and B. K. Martin with 2,702 pounds per acre. All were from Appomattox County.

Counties in the dark-fired belt include: Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Prince Edward, and Dinwiddie.



Judging District II Scrapbooks

Appomattox County Homemakers were asked to judge District II scrapbooks (Amelia, Brunswick, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Powhatan and Prince George.) Shown here while judging these scrapbooks are Mrs. Ethel Evans, Mrs. Geraldine Marshall and Mrs. Isabelle Coleman.

Mr. Fred Jones and Vernie Jones visited Perlie Jones in the hospital on Wednesday.

Mrs. Minnie Slusher visited Mr. Floyd Smith on Sundav.

Mrs. Louise Cordell visited Mrs. Vernie Jones on Saturday.

Mrs. Frances Mayberry went to a doctor in Lynchburg on Monday.

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Call your emergency medical service immediately. Or, if you can get him to a hospital with emergency cardiac care faster in any other way, do so.

He may refuse to accept the possibility that he is having a heart attack. Many heart attack victims do just that. Don't let him make you wait. Because seconds count. Get help and get it fast.

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